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WHEEL CARRIER

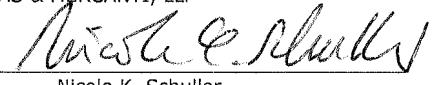
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**RESPONSE**

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This is in response to an Office Action dated November 3, 2008 in this Application.  
Attached hereto are Claim Amendments, Specification Amendments, and Remarks each  
starting on a separate page.